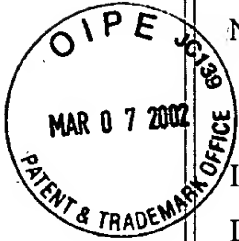


RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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Navy Case No. 82,627.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Louis F. Aprigliano et al. :

Serial No. 09/656,017 :

Group Art Unit: 1722

Filed: Sept. 7, 2000 :

Examiner: K. Lin

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING CORROSION :

RESISTANT METAL ALLOYS WITH :

IMPROVED STRENGTH AND DUCTILITY :

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated Feb. 26, 2002 in the above identified application, amendment is proposed as follows pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

TO THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 2, 6 and 8 as follows:

2. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said metal is nickel and the corrosion resisting material forming the component is chromium constituting between 48% and 52% of weight of the alloy as the high content thereof whereby said ductile alloy is boosted to said high strength by said casting, from a yield strength of less than 145 ksi.

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